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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - PHILIPPINE MARINE BIOLOGY PROJECT

REFERENCE: STATE 002702 AND MANILA 0683

1. SMITHSONIAN GREATLY APPRECIATES EMBASSY WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT SHIPMENTS FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. PROJECT DIRECTOR FEHLMAN SENT LETTER TO THOMAS ROBINSON JANUARY 29 ENCLOSING COPIES OF SHIPPING INVOICES FOR SEA SHIPMENT OF EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT. DISPATCH AGENT SUBSE-QUENTLY REQUIRED SOLVENT AND EMULSIFIER CONTAINED IN DRUM 13 BE SEPARATED. THEREFORE DRUM 13 CONTAINS ONLY 8 GALLONS SOLVENT AND NEW DRUM 47 ADDED TO LIST CONTAINING

37 QUARTS EMULSIFIER. TOTAL SHIPMENT NOW 45 SHIPPING DRUMS OF 55 GALLON CAPACITY AND 2 WOODEN BOXES MEASURING
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18 X 50 X 30 INCHES AND 20 X 52 X 32 INCHES. TOTAL WEIGHT 9,119 POUNDS AND VOLUME 502 CUBIC FEET. IF EMBASSY WILL ADVISE ESTIMATED INLAND SHIPPING COSTS MANILA TO SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY, SMITHSONIAN WILL FORWARD GBL TO COVER COSTS.

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2. ABOUT END OF FEBRUARY, SMITHSONIAN WILL SHIP AIR FREIGHT 2 RUBBER BOATS (IN CRATES 3X3X4 FEET EACH) AND SMALL AIR COMPRESSORS AND SCUBA GEAR. WOULD PREFER TO SHIP DIRECTLY TO SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO ATTEND TO CUSTOMS NICETIES. COULD EMBASSY ADVISE HOW BEST TO MINIMIZE HANDLING ON THIS SHIPMENT SINCE BOATS ESPECIALLY SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM ROUGH HANDLING? TOTAL WEIGHT AIR SHIPMENT EXPECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 POUNDS.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF RESEARCH, SMITHSONIAN PLANS TO RETURN CERTAIN EQUIPMENT INCLUDING HAND FRABRICATED (NO SERIAL NUMBERS) TO THE UNITED STATES. DOES EMBASSY ANTICIPATE ANY COMPLICATIONS IN THIS REGARD?

4. DR. FEHLMAN NOW EXPECTING ARRIVE MANILA ABOUT APRIL 22 AND WILL CALL UPON EMBASSY FOLLOWING MONDAY. VANCE

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